IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Norio FUKUSAWA et al.

Serial No.:

09/029,608

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Group Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: D. Graybill

For: METHOD AND MOLD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING THE DEVICE

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT <u>DATED JANUARY 19, 2000</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 17, 2000

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 19, 2000.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-12, 20-35, 37-40, 44-53, 65-69, 78, 86-91, 95-102 and 108; Group (II), Claims 18, 19, 36, 41-43, 54-64, 70-77, 79-85 and 92-94; and Group (III), Claims 103-107.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 18, 19, 36, 41-43, 54-64, 70-77, 79-85 and 92-94 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' right to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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